

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A portable information apparatus comprising:
a main display;
a sub-display provided independent of the main display and at a position where the sub-display is externally visible when the main display is in a closed position;
a jog device ~~which starts~~ that is operated to (i) select an application program and (ii) start the selected application program in one of a power-off state, a sleeping state, and a main display off state; and
display control means ~~which displays~~ that displays on the sub-display, in the power-off state, sleeping state, or main display off state, a start menu comprising a name of the application program to be selected and started.

33. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising customizing means which customizes the number of application programs, and

wherein the display control means displays the application programs customized by the customizing means.

34. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 32, wherein when the application program displayed on the sub-display is started by the jog device, the display control means displays information other than the name of the started application program on the sub-display.

35. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 32, wherein when the application program started by the jog device has finished, the display control means displays status information on the sub-display.

36. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising detection means which detects a system abnormality of the portable information apparatus,

wherein when the detection means detects a system abnormality, the display control means displays a message indicating the system abnormality on the sub-display.

37. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising detection means which detects information to be notified to a user,

wherein when the detection means detects information to be notified to a user, the display control means displays a message indicating the detected information on the sub-display.

38. (Previously presented) A portable information apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising means for restoring a window shown on the sub-display to the window which was shown before the message was displayed, after the message is displayed on the sub-display.

39-42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently amended) A message display method for a portable information apparatus which comprises a main display, a sub-display provided independent of the main display and at a position where the sub-display is externally visible when the main display is in a closed position, and a jog device which generates a plurality of types of events, the method comprising:

detecting an event generated by operation of the jog device to (i) select an application program and (ii) start [[an]] the selected application program in one of a power-off state, a sleeping state, and a main display off state; and

displaying, in the power-off state, sleeping state, or main display off state, a start menu comprising a name of the application program to be selected and started.

44. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, further comprising:

customizing the number of application programs; and

displaying the customized application programs.

45. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, further comprising, when the application program displayed on the sub-display is started by the jog device, displaying information other than the name of the started application program on the sub-display.

46. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, further comprising displaying status information on the sub-display when the application program started by the jog device has finished.

47. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 43, further comprising:

detecting a system abnormality of the portable information apparatus; and
when the system abnormality is detected, displaying a message indicating the system abnormality on the sub-display.

48-56. (Canceled)